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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Customer Assistance

IN THE MATTER OF FELICIA ENYAOSA,)
PETITIONER v. ELIZABETHTOWN WATER)
COMPANY, RESPONDENT)

ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION

BPU Docket No. WC03050385U OAL Docket No. PUC 5819-03

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On May 16, 2003, Felicia Enyaosa (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) for a hearing in regard to a billing dispute with Elizabethtown Water Company (Respondent).

On June 23, 2003, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for hearing and determination as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Jesse H. Strauss, ALJ.

During the pendency of this matter at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and executed a Stipulation of Settlement. The settlement was submitted to the ALJ for review. On November 21, 2003, ALJ Strauss filed his Initial Decision with the Board, recommending that the settlement be approved. The ALJ found the settlement to be voluntary, consistent with the law and fully dispositive of all issues in controversy. The ALJ therefore concluded that the settlement met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

The settlement provides that Respondent will reduce Petitioner's outstanding bill from \$1,338.00 to \$1,000.00, which Petitioner shall pay over a period of eighteen months.

After review, the Board <u>FINDS</u> that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement in their entirety, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

DATED: 1/9/04		BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:
	SIGNED JEANNE M. FOX PRESIDENT	
SIGNED FREDERICK F. BUTLER COMMISSIONER		SIGNED CAROL J. MURPHY COMMISSIONER
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